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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that the FAA has awarded the Greater Binghamton Airport a grant worth \$487,449 to improve runway conditions.

"Ensuring that our airports have the safest facilities possible is crucial to the survival of our airports across the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District," **Arcuri said**, "This FAA funding will ensure that the Greater Binghamton Airport has safe runways to allow for continued commercial and private air travel for years to come."

The FAA funding will be used improve the Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) at the end of runway 34 at the Greater Binghamton Airport. The EMAS is used to extend the overrun area of the runway to ensure that an aircraft can be stopped if it misses or continues on past its intended stopping point. This funding will be used to upgrade and improve the EMAS already in place at the airport.

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